

### REMARKS

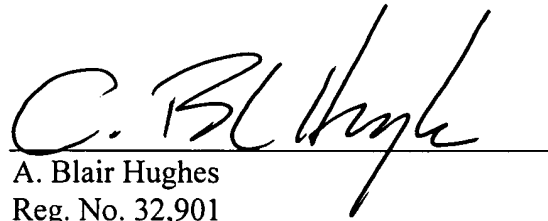
Claims 1, 3-8, 12-13 and 15-18 are pending in the application. Claim 18 is added to the application above. No new matter is added to the application by this amendment.

Claims 1, 3-8, 12-13 and 15-17 were allowed in the August 24, 2006 Notice of Allowance for this case. The Applicant has filed this RCE in order to present a new piece of prior art to the examiner for consideration in this case and to add a new claim 18 to the application.

Favorable consideration and allowance of all pending application claims is courteously solicited.

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